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UPCOMING HOT ISSUES AND IMPORTANT DEADLINES

September 21, 2017

Bird Creek, Osage County, Oklahoma

Three companies have requested a hearing which is planned for October 11 in Tulsa. EPA intends to send letters to 5 owners of 6 UIC wells in Osage County, Oklahoma. These 6 wells are in the expanded area of interest around the saltwater seeps in a tributary of North Bird Creek. Two wells have been authorized by rule (ABR) to inject oil and gas wastes (produced saltwater) since the 1980's and will now be required to apply for an individual UIC permit. Wells authorized by permit have more stringent controls on injection volume and pressure. Four wells have been previously permitted to inject produced saltwater. Those permits will be modified to require more frequent monitoring and reporting of injection volumes and pressures. The Osage Nation Tribal Council and Minerals Council has been consulted prior to this action.

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ), UIC Program Review for FY 2016

EPA intends to transmit EPA's End of Year (EOY) evaluation final report of ODEQ's Underground Injection Control (UIC) program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. The report documents EPA's oversight evaluation of ODEQ's Land Protection Division's accomplishments in meeting their FY 2016 grant work plan commitments. ODEQ effectively met or exceeded their FY 2016 UIC targets. In particular, EPA commends ODEQ in their efforts towards implementing an Aquifer Storage and Recovery program, as well as their willingness and diligence to seek support from EPA in confronting difficult issues.

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, UST Permit

EPA intends to approve a general permit for ODEQ to Discharge Treated Wastewater from the Cleanup of Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Systems. This permit renewal is for discharges into surface waters of the State of Oklahoma. This permit will regulate any combination of wastewater treatment options and it will cover only discharging facilities. Upon further review of the proposed permit, EPA will determine the appropriate response for

issuance to ODEQ no later than September 21, 2017.

Louisiana Department of Health, Drinking Water Program Primacy

EPA intends to approve LDEQ's application to revise their drinking water regulations to adopt new rules (the Revised Total Coliform Rule and the Ground Water Rule) pursuant to their primacy delegation under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). EPA's review of the application found the state duly adopted regulations at least as stringent as the federal standards, and meet the primacy enforcement authority requirements under SDWA.

Arkema, Crosby, TX

EPA received a partial response on September 18, 2017 to the CAA Information Request sent to Arkema's Crosby, Texas facility on September 7, 2017. We are reviewing the information submitted by Arkema and we are preparing a response to their request for an extension of 90 days. Given the narrow scope of information requested in our Request, we are planning to provide a 30-day extension for only certain items and we will expect a full response to all questions by the extended deadline.

Public Notice for NPDES Permit Proposal, Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas

Public Notice will be made for a proposed NPDES permit for the Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas. This action also involves mailings to a mailing list, letters requesting State/Tribal certification under Clean Water Act section 401, and may include communication with affected downstream states/tribes and other Federal agencies. For Major Permits a newspaper notice will be published.

Public Notice for NPDES Permit Proposal, Valley Crossing Pipeline, LLC - FTI

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Proposed Westlake Expansion Project, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Westlake Expansion Project. Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP proposes to construct and operate facilities as part of the Westlake Expansion Project in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. Region 6 will support the FERC by meeting our basic statutory requirements for participating in the environmental review process.

UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

October 3 – Brownfields Grant Writers' Workshop in Addison, TX.

October 27 – Arkansas Environment Federation 50th Annual Convention, Hot Springs, AR. Acting Regional Administrator will keynote.

November 28 – 29 - Oil and Gas Environmental Conference, Location TBD

UPCOMING DECISIONS

DFW 2008 Ozone Nonattainment and RACT for VOC requirements for NAAQS

EPA intends to propose approval of SIP revisions for the DFW ozone area. Specifically, EPA is proposing to approve revised regulations that limit VOC air emissions and a demonstration that the DFW area meets VOC RACT requirements for the 2008 ozone NAAQS. EPA worked closely with TCEQ and find that our approval would not interfere with any applicable CAA requirement.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission State Program Approval

EPA intends to approve the SPA regulation package so Oklahoma retains their ability to manage underground storage tank regulations. Under new standards for USTs, this will be the first program approval in the Nation. EPA completed the review and a Direct Final Approval is recommended.

Texas Regional Haze and Interstate Visibility Transport Final Action (Federal Implementation Plan)

This FIP action would finalize determinations regarding BART for Electric Generating Units and interstate transport requirements in Texas. We are approving Texas' determination that the EGUs are not subject to BART for particulate matter. Other determinations have been made to render this action approvable. There is a court ordered deadline of September 30, 2017 on Texas Regional Haze and Interstate Visibility Transport.

PAST WEEK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas GMG290000 General Permit Reissuance

EPA signed the final permit reissuance package on Tuesday, September 19th. It was critical that the permit be reissued prior to the September 30, 2017 expiration date for the current permit to avoid leaving offshore operators without the ability to obtain timely permit coverage. The permit became effective once signed.

Final Delisting Exclusion for Samsung Austin Semiconductor (SAS), Austin, Texas

EPA approved a delisting petition submitted to EPA in 2015, to delist the Copper Filter Cake Sludge from its process because the electroplating process does not include any of the constituents from the basis of listing. Approximately 750 cubic yards of filter cake will be generated annually. After testing the sludge to verify concentration levels, and if it meets delisting criteria, it will be disposed of in a subtitle D landfill. EPA's approval will save SAS approximately \$250,000 per year in disposal costs and hazardous waste.

PENDING ACTIONS (Pending Federal Register Publication)

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